

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF URBAN RENEWAL
PLAN OF THE SOUTH STATION URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-82

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South Station Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on May 23, 1968, and approved, as amended, by the City Council of the City of Boston on May 12, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Urban Renewal Plan entitled: "Modification", provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 303 of Chapter 3 of said Urban Renewal Plan entitled: "Rehabilitation Activities" indicates that there are no rehabilitation activities contemplated within the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, Chapter VIII of said Urban Renewal Plan entitled, "Rehabilitation", designates all structures in the Project Area to be demolished with two exceptions noted for structures not in need of rehabilitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That Section 303 "Rehabilitation Activities" on Page 3-1 is hereby amended by changing the Section to read, "The only rehabilitation activity contemplated within the Project Area is that of the South Station "Head House", which is the curved portion of the terminal building facing Dewey Square, and is shown on the attached plan.
2. That Chapter VIII, "Rehabilitation", on Page 8-1, is hereby amended by adding as a third exception following the existing language, "South Station"Head House", which is to be rehabilitated for office and commercial use in accordance with the Boston Redevelopment Authority design review standards."
3. That the proposed modifications are found to be minor modifications which do not substantially alter or change the Plan.
4. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect.
5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
6. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, 7207.1 Circular dated August 8, 1974.



MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 5, 1974

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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH STATION URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-82
PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF URBAN RENEWAL PLAN
DISPOSITION PARCEL C-1

On October 8, 1974, Section 4 of the Department of Transportation Act was amended by H. R. 15427, to allow the Secretary of Transportation to provide financial, technical and advisory assistance to promote on a feasibility demonstration basis the conversion of not less than three railroad passenger terminals into intermodal transportation terminals.

Because one of the planning objectives of the South Station Urban Renewal Plan is the construction of a new transportation facility, negotiations have begun with the Department of Transportation (DOT) in anticipation of submission of an application for assistance under the new Act for the development of an Intermodal transportation terminal to be located within the South Station Urban Renewal Project Area.

Financial assistance will be granted under the DOT Act if an existing terminal can be converted to accommodate intermodal transportation, such as motorbus transportation and mass transit. To qualify for funding the railroad passenger terminal must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of Interior.

Another requirement of the Act is that the architectural integrity of the railroad passenger terminal will be preserved and such judgment will be concurred in by consultants recommended by the Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

As an initial procedure, to qualify for funding under the DOT Act, the South Station "Head House", which is the curved portion of the terminal building facing Dewey Square, has been submitted to the National Register Office of the National Park Service for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The structure, which does have recognized historical significance has already been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and is currently being considered by the National Register Office.

Because the approved South Station Urban Renewal Plan indicates that there is to be no rehabilitation within the Urban Renewal Area, a minor modification is necessary to delete this structure from clearance to be retained for rehabilitation.

It has been determined that said modification is minor in nature in that it does not constitute a fundamental change in the overall project nor does it materially or substantially alter or change the plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

Attachment